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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for the Greater Farallones Kelp Recovery project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Greater Farallones Association, located at P.O. Box 29386, San Francisco, CA, 94129.

The funding would be used for restoring bull kelp forest through large-scale urchin removal, planting kelp, and community engagement along the Sonoma and Mendocino coastlines within the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because kelp forests provide critical economic benefits and ecosystem services to the coastal communities that rely on them. The project is anticipated to have the benefits of recovering kelp forest habitat for the benefit of marine life, coastal communities, and groups impacted by kelp loss, including red abalone and red urchin fisheries and recreational companies dependent on this marine habitat for livelihoods.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jared Huffman

Member of Congress

April 28, 2021